

ABLE AND TRIED CITIZENS CHOSEN BY DEMOCRATS FOR COUNTY OFFICES

Spirited Convention Yesterday in Which Nominations Were Made and a Platform Adopted by the Delegates---Lively Contests.

Resolution of Sympathy for the Galveston Sufferers and a Purse of \$115 Raised to Be Sent to the Victims of the Flood---Fusion Scheme Endorsed and Two Offices Given to the Populists.

WHAT WAS DONE BRIEFLY TOLD.

County Chairman Ben T. Lloyd called the Democratic county convention to order in the theatre yesterday morning at 11:25.

Senator D. O. Rideout, jr. of Draper was elected temporary chairman and Judge O. W. Powers of Salt Lake permanent chairman.

Fusion was agreed on with the Populist party. By its terms Henry W. Lawrence is endorsed by the Democrats for state senator and James Thompson for representative.

A brief platform was adopted and resolutions of sympathy for the Texas flood sufferers passed.

A collection amounting to \$115.15 was taken up for the Texas flood sufferers.

A good start was made on the ticket. Three county commissioners, treasurer, sheriff and auditor were nominated and two ballots for clerk taken.

At 10:35 last night the convention recessed until 10 o'clock this morning.

With every district in the county represented by delegates or alternates, with every one of those delegates and alternates keenly interested in the work before them and full of determination to name none but the best material as their standard bearers, the Democratic county convention began its labors yesterday in the Salt Lake theatre. Three busy sessions were held and at 10:35 last night a recess was taken until 10 o'clock this morning.

The work of the convention was ex-



Senator Rideout, the temporary chairman.

pedited in every way consistent with good nominations and thoughtful deliberation. There was evidently no desire to railroad nominations or any other matters for which the Democrats had gathered, but useless and unnecessary delays were in the main done away with so that the seven hours during which the convention was in actual session left a record of accomplishments not often excelled by so large a deliberative body.

Some Spirited Contests.

The contests for nominations were spirited, but they were not so sharp that the defeated candidates will find it impossible to heartily support those who were successful. The spirit of the convention was manifested by George F. Felt's manly little talk after he had lost his fight for the speakership. No sooner had Mr. Dale received a majority of the votes than Mr. Felt announced that he would work hard for the entire ticket, but would use extra efforts to secure the election of his opponent for the nomination.

Both Judge Powers and Senator Rideout, the latter as temporary and the former as permanent chairman, held the more demonstrative portion of the gathering well in hand. Absolute order was insisted upon and absolute order was maintained.

Only one man was paid the compliment of a nomination by acclamation. This man was George H. Wood, auditor. Mr. Wood's excellent record during the last two years entitled him to this recognition and he was named with tremendous enthusiasm. A funny

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—MARCELLUS S. WOOLLEY AND GEORGE A. WHITAKER OF SALT LAKE; W. J. HORNE OF GRANGER.

FOR TREASURER—WILLIAM H. DALE OF SALT LAKE.

FOR SHERIFF—G. H. NAYLOR OF SALT LAKE.

FOR AUDITOR—GEORGE H. WOOD OF SALT LAKE.

Little story was told in connection with this nomination.

Henderson Couldn't Speak.

Mr. Wood's friends had planned to have Judge Henderson present his name and tell something about the work he had been doing. The auditorship came up while the secretaries were tabulating a ballot for county clerk. J. C. Lambert, one of Mr. Wood's very warm admirers, was quite innocent of any knowledge of the Henderson plot and he promptly moved that Wood be nominated by acclamation. The suggestion took the convention by storm and before Judge Henderson could get into action, the opportunity was lost.

The opening session was largely attended, although perhaps not so many were present as in the afternoon and evening. The presentation of Senator Rideout as temporary chairman was greeted with many manifestations of approval and the Draper man made a magnetic speech. After the appointment of committees and other routine work a recess until 2 o'clock was taken. As is nearly always the case, much promptly to work. From the outset its members showed a disposition, in which the convention backed them, to make any reasonable concession. So did the Populist conferees. The latter at first desired a senator, two representatives and the office of recorder.

Fusion Is Accomplished.

The Democrats agreed to give them a senator and a representative. After a consultation the Populists agreed to accept this apportionment and the fusion was ratified without a murmur of dissent by the Democratic convention. It is estimated that this alliance will net to the joint ticket at least 1,000 and possibly 1,200 votes in the county. Judge Powers, presiding officer, was given a very complimentary reception. His rulings generally met with favor, only one of them being appealed from. In this instance the convention by a practically unanimous vote upheld the chair and no further disposition to dissent was exhibited.

The first order of business after the adoption of committee reports was the nomination of three county commissioners. It was understood that two were to be residents of the city and one a citizen of the county outside the city. The struggle that followed was interesting and good humored. George A. Whitaker, M. S. Woolley, E. M. Weller and M. E. Mulvey were the city men presented.

Commissioners Are Named.

Each of the quartette had warm friends but the earnest thought of his choice was the best possible timber. On the first ballot Bishop Woolley and Mr. Whitaker won out handsomely. Their nominations were well received and it was admitted, even by adherents of Weller and Mulvey that



Secretary Vissing ruled that the lines be straight.

both are strong men and men who will ably conduct public affairs in the future as they have in the past.

County nominees were O. P. Miller, Nicoll Hood, W. J. Horne, Max Beaver and Alvin Butler. Two ballots were necessary to decide the fight. On the

first vote the candidates were noses apart, but on the second, Butler and Beaver having withdrawn, Horne was nominated. D. B. Hempstead moved that the nomination of the three commissioners be made unanimous. Everybody voted aye.

Some debate on the fusion question preceded the announcement of the last ballot for county commissioner. It was then decided to allow the Populists the proportion of officers already mentioned and the convention took a recess until 8 o'clock.

Dale Wins Treasurership.

William H. Dale won the treasurership at the beginning of the evening session by a large plurality. His opponents were George F. Felt and Orson Rumel, both of whom are competent gentlemen. Mr. Dale, whose ability to hold the position is not doubted by any citizen, was the choice of the convention, however, and his competitors took their defeat in good part.

The shrewdly anticipated perhaps created more bitterness than any other contest. Ham Naylor received a comfortable majority on the first ballot and from the outset it was seen that he would win. Nevertheless the friends of Sheriff Howells and Brigham E. West concluded to give him a run and



Judge Norrell, minus his moustache, thinks out schemes to facilitate the smooth running of the convention.

some speeches of decidedly impassioned order were made in presenting the three names.

All three had both oratory and ability back them. All three had numerous determined friends on the floor to look after their interests. As each name was announced it was greeted with cheers, but the demonstrations for Naylor were perhaps the most pronounced. Events showed that he had the greatest number of delegates for he won on the first ballot with votes to spare.

Race For Clerkship.

Another pretty race was for the county clerkship. The entries were Alfalfa Young, A. S. Fowler, Ben T. Lloyd, A. J. Sears and Fred W. Little. Mr. Fowler and Mr. Lloyd led from the start though the others had votes enough to prevent the nomination of either. Two ballots were taken and on the second Mr. Fowler lacked only a few votes of the requisite majority.

His opponents saw that if another ballot was taken he would be nominated, so they determined to force an adjournment. A delegate from Murray got the floor. He moved that inasmuch as the convention could not elect the clerk last night that an adjournment be taken after the announcement of the vote until 10 o'clock this morning. He argued that this would give the Murray people a chance to catch a home bound car.

The Fowler people instantly saw the trap and sought to avoid it. The vote on adjournment was first taken viva voce and Judge Powers declared it carried. A division was called for and again Judge Powers declared the motion carried. The result of the second ballot was announced and while half a dozen Fowler men were vigorously trying to move a reconsideration of the vote on adjournment, Judge Powers brought his gavel down with a bang that sounded like a pistol shot and it was all over for last night.

The strongest kind of arguments were used by both sides after the recess was taken. It was predicted by the opposition to Fowler that he would be beaten this morning. His friends, on the other hand, declared that he would not only hold his strength of last night but that he would gain enough votes to insure his nomination on the first roll call this morning.



THERE WERE ENTHUSIASTIC SCENES AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

COMMITTEES NAMED AT MORNING SESSION

There were many vacant seats in the hall even at 11:25, when Chairman B. T. Lloyd rapped the first session of the convention to order. He congratulated the Democracy of the city and county on its past achievements and record; on the fact that the Republicans with their majority of 2,500 had been swept from power in the county. He compared the economy of the Democrats with the extravagance of the Republicans and said that there was no doubt that the Democrats would win in the coming fight as they had won in the last three fights if they were wise and put up a ticket composed of men and women who cannot be attacked. He then announced the temporary officers of the convention and introduced the temporary chairman, D. O. Rideout, jr., of Draper.

Mr. Rideout was warmly greeted when he stepped to the front of the stage. He thanked the convention for the honor, reminded it of its responsibility to name good men who have the confidence of the people; men of ability, honesty and integrity. If such men were put up the Democratic ticket will be elected.

Mr. Rideout reminded the delegates also that the silver Republicans had gone back to their old party, and in Utah were trying to make themselves believe that silver was not an issue, while Hanna, McKinley and Roosevelt in the east were discussing it as the chief issue of the campaign. The speaker touched upon the prosperity issue and showed that the great crash of 1893 started in 1890 with the collapse in Argentina and the great bank fail-



Dave Hempstead in the throes of a Nominating speech.

ures in England. From there it came to this country long before Cleveland was inaugurated.

The Philippine Question.

The Philippine question was discussed and the effort to force ourselves upon those people was condemned. In dealing with these people, said the speaker, we should observe the command that was thundered from Mount Sinai: "Thou shalt not steal."

This sentiment was loudly applauded by the convention, as was also the statement that the golden rule applied to nations as well as to individuals. The treatment of Peru by the Spaniards was contrasted with William Penn's treatment of the Indians. The speaker wished the nation to march on to victories, but they must be peaceful victories, a sentiment that met the approval of the convention. It is not a question of what the world will say if we withdraw from the Philippines. The

ally question to consider is, "Is it right?"

The speaker closed with a glowing tribute to William J. Bryan, commending him with Washington and Lincoln. This eloquent compliment was wildly cheered by the convention, the applause breaking out again and again.

When the chairman announced motions in order Alfalfa Young was recognized and moved that a committee on permanent organization and order of business be appointed to consist of ten members, five from the city and city and two from the country. C. M. Jackson moved an amendment that a similar committee on credentials be appointed and a committee on platform and resolutions, the last to consist of ten members, five from the city and five from the country. The motion was amended and carried.

The reading of the official call for the convention was demanded, but on motion of Judge Norrell was dispensed with.

H. A. Anderson moved that the county committee be appointed and that it consist of three members from each of the precincts in the city and six members from the country. In the city precincts the third man was to be

the chairman of the precinct committee. This motion carried.

Object to the Seats.

A delegate at this point made a protest against the arrangement of the seats. It was a Republican arrangement, he said, and he didn't like it. Another country delegate objected to the city having all the front seats while the country delegates were put back under the balcony in the shade. I was announced that the seating arrangement would be changed during the noon recess and then a number of motions were made to take a recess to enable the precincts to select their members of the different committees. Finally a recess of five minutes was taken.

When the convention was again in order, the following members of the various committees were announced:

On Credentials—First precinct, A. W. Gallacher; Second precinct, Thomas W. Green; Third precinct, George W. Thompson; Fourth precinct, James Maxwell; Fifth precinct, Arthur Brown; Sixth precinct, Samuel Eatemann and George M. Spencer.

Permanent Organization and Order of Business—First precinct, Lewis Iversen; Second precinct, J. C. Lambert; Third precinct, H. J. Hayward; Fourth precinct, James Sabine, jr.; Fifth pre-

THE PLATFORM ADOPTED.

We, the Democrats of Salt Lake county, in convention assembled, reaffirm our unswerving devotion to Democratic principles, as those principles find expression in the Kansas City platform of the national Democracy, and in the platform adopted by the state convention of Sept. 6 and 7, 1900.

We agree with the national leaders of the Republican party that the election of William J. Bryan means the free and unlimited coinage of silver by the United States at the constitutional ratio of 16 to 1; and we particularly pledge the legislative candidates of this convention to support for the high and important office of United States senator only such men as are known to be unequivocally in line with the specific declaration of the Democratic national platform upon the question of monetary reform.

We point with justifiable pride to the wise and economical administration of county affairs by Democratic office holders during the past four years, and we confidently pledge the nominees of this convention to a continuation of the work which has resulted in such great good to our citizens and taxpayers.

We ask the voters of the county to recall the corrupt and extravagant conduct of their public affairs by the last unsavory Republican administration, and beg them not to voluntarily return to a party which has proven itself so unworthy of confidence.

We congratulate the people of Utah upon the laurels so worthily won by their soldiers in the recent wars of the Republic, and we extend our sincere sympathy to the fathers and mothers, sisters and daughters of the state who have been called upon to mourn the loss of loved ones, who, in camp or field, have given their lives in defense of the flag.

In view of the grave interests at stake in the pending national election, and the far-reaching possibilities of the electoral vote of this state, we urge the citizens of the county of Salt Lake to remember that the principles espoused by them in 1896 are as true and as important today as they were then; and we beg them to so cast their ballots in November next that their reputation for consistency and steadfastness of purpose may not be questioned.

We cordially invite to the support of our candidates and principles all citizens of whatever political faith who desire efficiency and honesty in the public service.

elect, Henry Davis; country, Francis Quinn and Joseph G. Bywater. Resolutions and Platform—First precinct, George E. Hill; Second precinct, J. H. Allen; Third precinct, Arthur F. Barnes; Fourth precinct, Fisher S. Harris; Fifth precinct, M. F. Miller; country, Mrs. Jennie B. Whipple, D. C. Allen, W. B. Ennis, O. P. Miller and Herbert Van Damm.

The County Committee.

County Committee—First precinct, V. P. Gray and C. B. Johnson; Second precinct, T. C. Lewis, John Shea and Albert Fisher; Third precinct, A. F. Barnes, Robert S. Sleater and James Forsythe; Fourth precinct, T. F. Thomas, James Sabine and James Maxwell; Fifth precinct, David L. Zvey, Bert Hallerman and John Arup; country, John Hanson, jr., of Liverton, B. C. Ward of Sandy, Mrs. Jennie B. Whipple of Farmer's Ward, A. V. Foreman of Bingham, J. R. Rawlins of Draper and C. M. Sorenson of Sugar.

The first precinct explained that it had not yet organized, and could not give the name of the chairman until that was done.

B. T. Lloyd was next recognized to make a statement as to what had been done in the matter of fusing with the Populists. They claimed, he said, about 90 votes in the county, and demanded the basis for fusion one state senator, two representatives, the county recorder, one-third of the patronage of the recorder's office, and one deputy in the sheriff's office. The Democrats had offered them one senator, one representative, the chief clerk in the recorder's office and one deputy in the sheriff's office. This offer had been rejected, and the whole matter was turned over to the convention to take such action as it saw fit.

Deal With the Populists.

Delegate Miller from the country noted that a committee of five be appointed to confer with the Populists. B. F. Johnson wished it understood that this committee was not to go be-



Fisher Harris Reads the platform.

yond the proposition made by the county committee.

Alfalfa Young wanted to know how many votes the Populists had on which they were making such claims. He for one was tired of fusion; he wanted to vote the Democratic ticket; he wanted Democratic candidates and not Populists. Four years ago, he said, the Democratic electoral ticket had two men on it who were not Democrats; one of them voted for Tom Watson and the other was supporting McKinley now. In a hard fight he considered it wise to put none but Democrats to the front. Mr. Young's remarks were loudly applauded.

F. S. Fernstrom favored the appointment of the committee on conference. He favored fusion; the Populists